

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR INSTRUCTORS: FALL 2016**

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**JOSEPH CONRAD, PSY.D., MA**, has over 29 years of executive, managerial and clinical expertise across an array of inter-related disciplines including: Behavioral Health, Addiction-Psychiatry, Addiction-Medicine, Child/Welfare, Primary Care, the non-profit sector, and higher education.

**MORGAN "JAY" CUMMINGS, L.C.S.W., L.A.D.C.**, has over 20 years' experience in behavioral health care as a clinician, supervisor and Department Director of Community Services for Gilead Community Services. He services as adjunct faculty at Manchester Community College.

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**SCOTT GAGNON, M.P.P., PS-C**, is the Director of Operation for AdCare Educational Institute of Maine. He is a member of the National Advisory Council. He is Co-Founder and Director of Smart Approaches to Marijuana. He is the Board President of the Maine Council on Problem Gambling.

**MICHAEL GAUDET, L.I.C.S.W., L.C.D.P.**, earned his undergraduate degree at Bridgewater State College and his MSW from Rhode Island College in 1984. He is currently the Center Director at Arbour Counseling Services, Rockland, MA. He has extensive clinical and supervision experience in substance abuse treatment. Mr. Gaudet trains and consults across the country on clinical and professional growth topics. He is a faculty member of the New England Institute of Addiction Studies since 1986.

**RHONDA KINCAID, M.Ed.**, has trained with Dr. Mark P. McGovern and conducted Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT) site visits at a number of addiction treatment programs in CT as part of the Department's Co-Occurring Disorders Initiative. She co-chaired the DMHAS Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant (COSIG) Services Work Group that developed guidelines for Co-occurring Capable and Enhanced Services as well as Co-occurring Disorders Psycho-educational Groups.

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**MARGARET O'HAGAN-LYNCH, M.S., L.P.C.**, is the Addiction Services Division Director for Connecticut Valley Hospital for campuses in Middletown and Hartford, CT and maintains a private practice in Wallingford, CT. She has worked in the behavioral health field for over 25 years and is known for her expertise in working with people who have co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders. She has vast experience in program design/implementation, staff development, training and consultation, community networking, and remains active in addressing treatment needs on both a local and statewide level.

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**CHER SHANNON, M.H.S.A., L.A.D.C., SAP**, is an experienced lecturer, trainer and instructor. She is the Program Coordinator for DARC and Human Services at Gateway Community College. She is an experienced substance abuse professional with a strong background working in human services administration and higher education.

**RAYMOND TAFRATE, Ph.D.**, is an associate professor and clinical psychologist at Central Connecticut State University, as well as a fellow and supervisor at the Albert Ellis Institute for Behavior Therapy. He is also an author, consultant and trainer.